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E.O. 11652: XGDS
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SUBJECT: RUMORED TRAINING OF POLISARIO IN GUINEA-BISSAU

REF: BISSAU 0227 (NOTAL)

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL ON RUMORS OF POLISARIO TROOPS BEING TRAINED IN GUINEA-BISSAU IS FOLLOWING REPORT FROM FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES BISSAU.
2. DURING RULING PARTY (PAIGC) THIRD PARTY CONGRESS LAST NOVEMBER, SPECIAL POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT YOUNG MEN OF SMALL LOCAL "MOORISH" COMMUNITY. WHETHER RECRUITMENT WAS FOR MILITARY DUTY OR TO CREATE INTELLIGENCE LINKS THROUGH FAMILIES IN SENEGAL UNKNOWN. (SMALL LOCAL MOORISH COMMUNITY LARGELY INVOLVED IN COMMERCE AND IS EXTENSION OF FAMILY ACTIVITIES WHICH EXTEND BACK THROUGH SENEGAL TO MAURITANIA.) WHILE SOME YOUNGER MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY WERE INTERESTED, OLDER INDIVIDUALS WERE FRIGHTENED. (AS SMALL FOREIGN COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY, THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE

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VIEWED WITH SOME DISTRUST BY GOGB.) ACCORDINGLY, THEY REPORTED POLISARIO RECRUITMENT ACTIVITY TO LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS. FRENCH CHARGE DOES NOT KNOW GOGB REACTION OR WHETHER GOVERNMENT WAS IN FACT AWARE OF POLISARIO ACTIVITY.

3. FRENCH EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT WAS QUERIED WITHIN

PAST TWO WEEKS BY GOVERNMENT OF MAURITANIA AS TO
BEHAVIOR AND POLITICAL AFFILIATION OF MOORISH
COMMUNITY IN GUINEA-BISSAU. QUERY PASSED TO
FRENCH EMBASSY HERE WHICH REPLIED WITH ABOVE STORY
OBTAINED FROM LOCAL SOURCE NOT IDENTIFIED TO US.

4. FRENCH CHARGE BELIEVES ABOVE STORY PLUS LATE
JANUARY VISIT OF POLISARIO SONG AND DANCE GROUP
ARE ORIGIN OF RUMOR OF GUINEA-BISSAU TRAINING OF
POLISARIO TROOPS. AT LEAST SO HE TELLS US HE HAS
REPORTED TO PARIS.

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